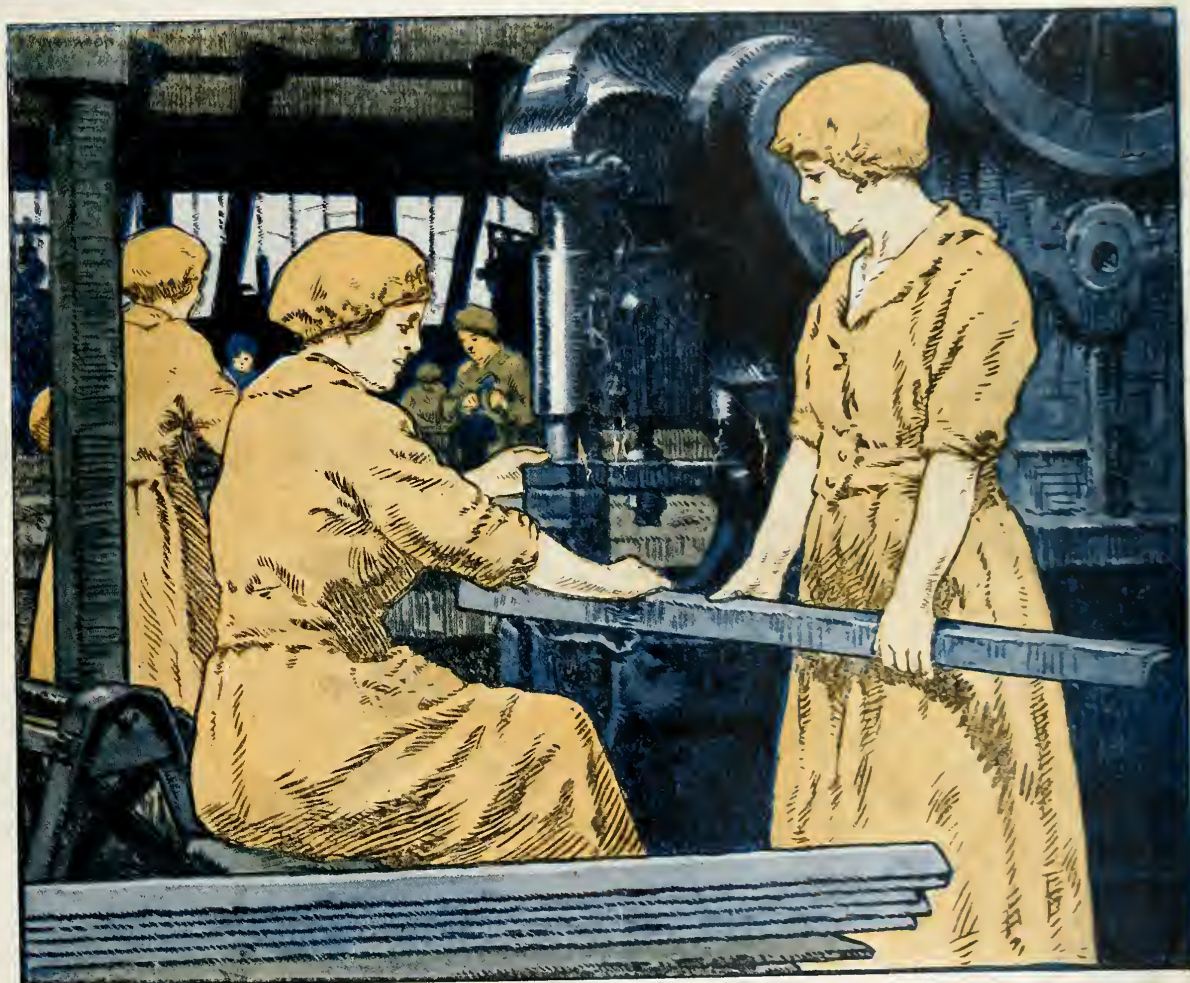
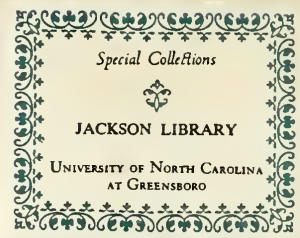


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WORK IN WAR TIME

FOREWORD.



IT is no exaggeration, but the most sober truth, to say that but for the women of Britain and their work, Germany would by now have won the war. For had they failed to rise to the unprecedented demands which their country has made upon them, Britain's industrial effort would have collapsed, and her armies in the field would have been paralyzed. Some three million men have been withdrawn from British industry to serve with the colours; 25 per cent. of the male labour employed in the chemical and engineering trades has been drafted into the army; the normal staffs of offices, factories, railways and munition shops have been stripped to the bone at the imperious call of war. Had the women of Britain been unable or unwilling to step into the vacant places, the war, first lost in the workshop, would have been finally lost in the field.

But the women of Britain have not failed. Rather, they have taken up their unlooked-for task with an energy, an enthusiasm and an efficiency which have been one of the miracles of history. To-day there are some 900,000 British women engaged in war industries, and of these more than 600,000 are directly employed on the manufacture of munitions. In shipyards and in iron foundries, in chemical and engineering works, they are ceaselessly working by day and night. Eighteen months ago two-thirds of the 500 processes in the making of munitions on which they are now engaged had never been performed by a woman. The women of Britain are putting over the barrage, without which their sons, their husbands and their brothers could never hope to shatter the German lines.

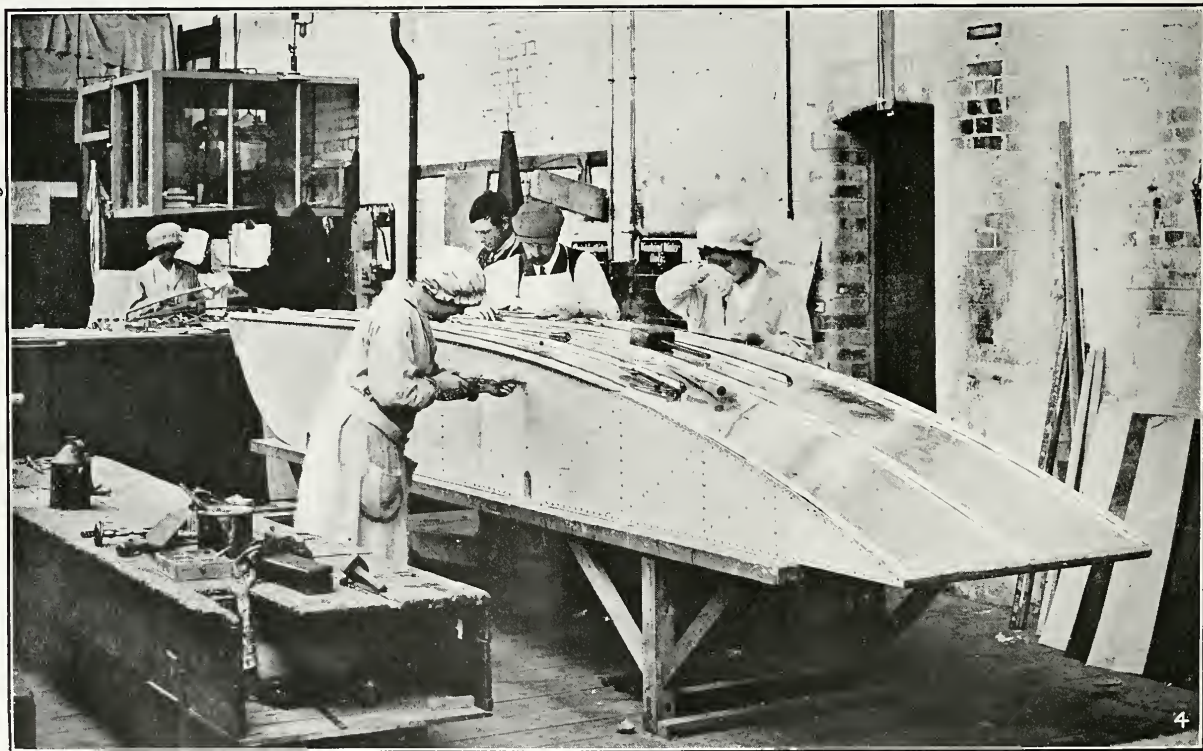
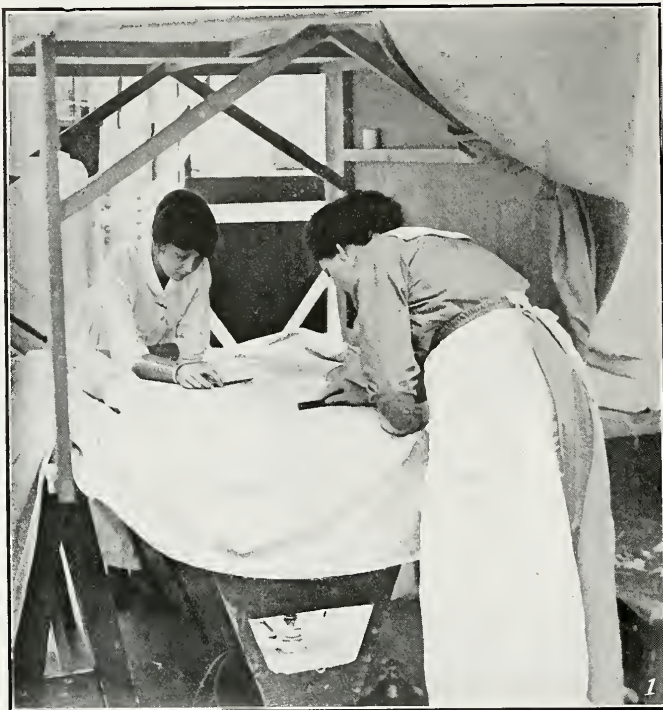
But it is not in munition work alone that the face of British industry has been transformed by the extension of women labour. As post-women and police, as bakers and farm workers, as motor drivers and 'bus conductors—in almost every occupation of which the mind can think—British women are now cheerfully "carrying on" while their men-folk are away. In her hour of greatest need Britain has called to her daughters. She has not called in vain. By their industry, their efforts and their heroic sacrifice, the women of Britain have saved their country and saved the world.

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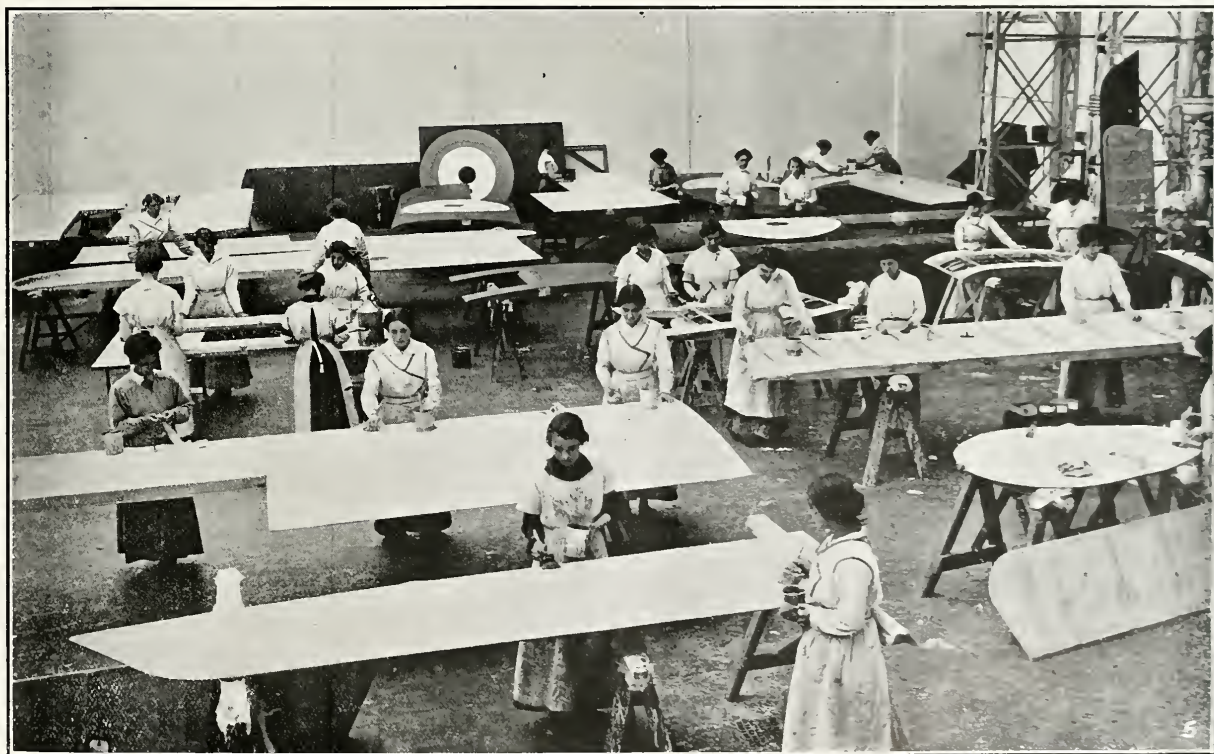
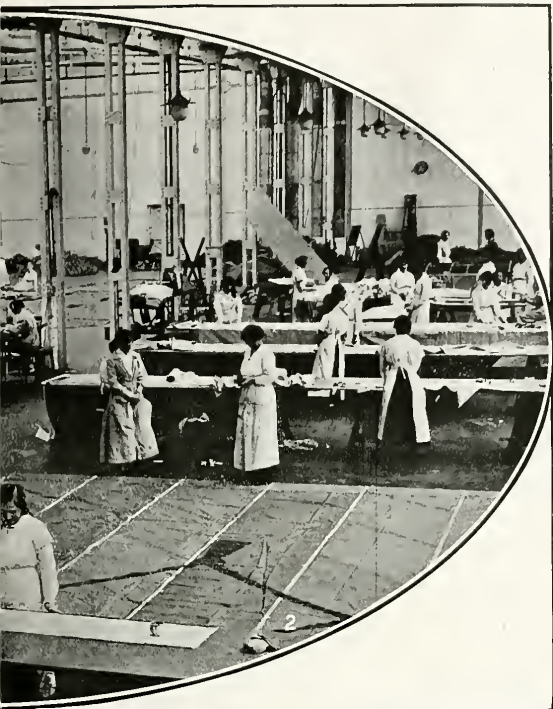
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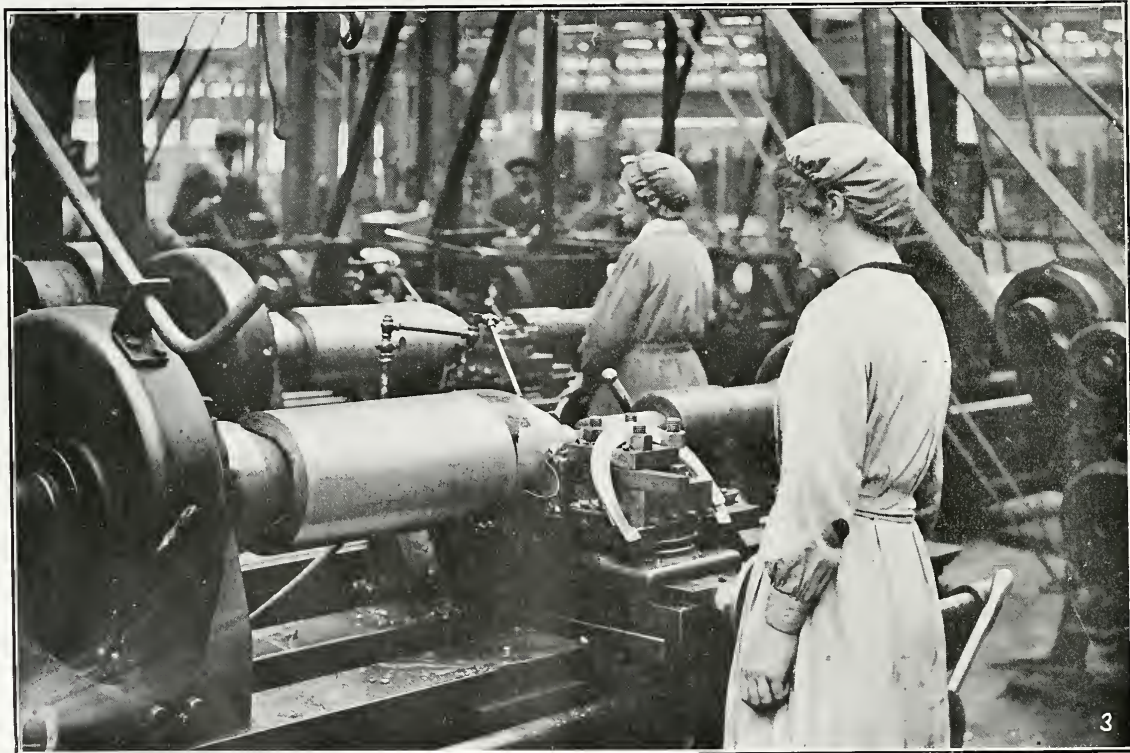
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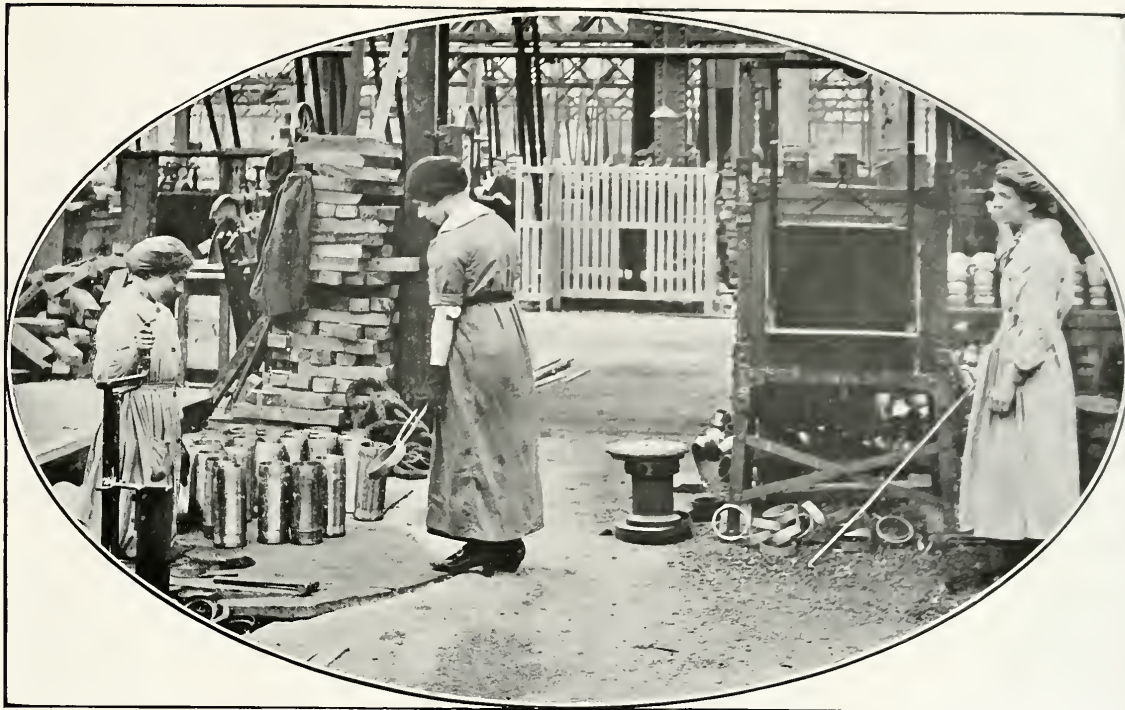
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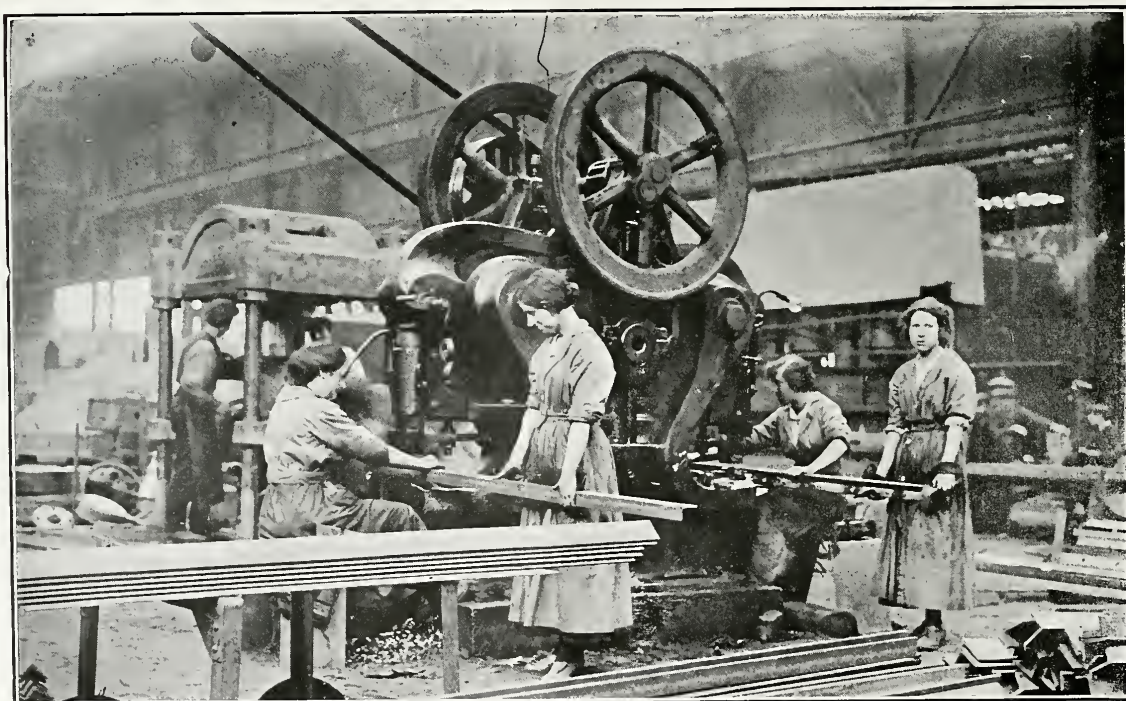
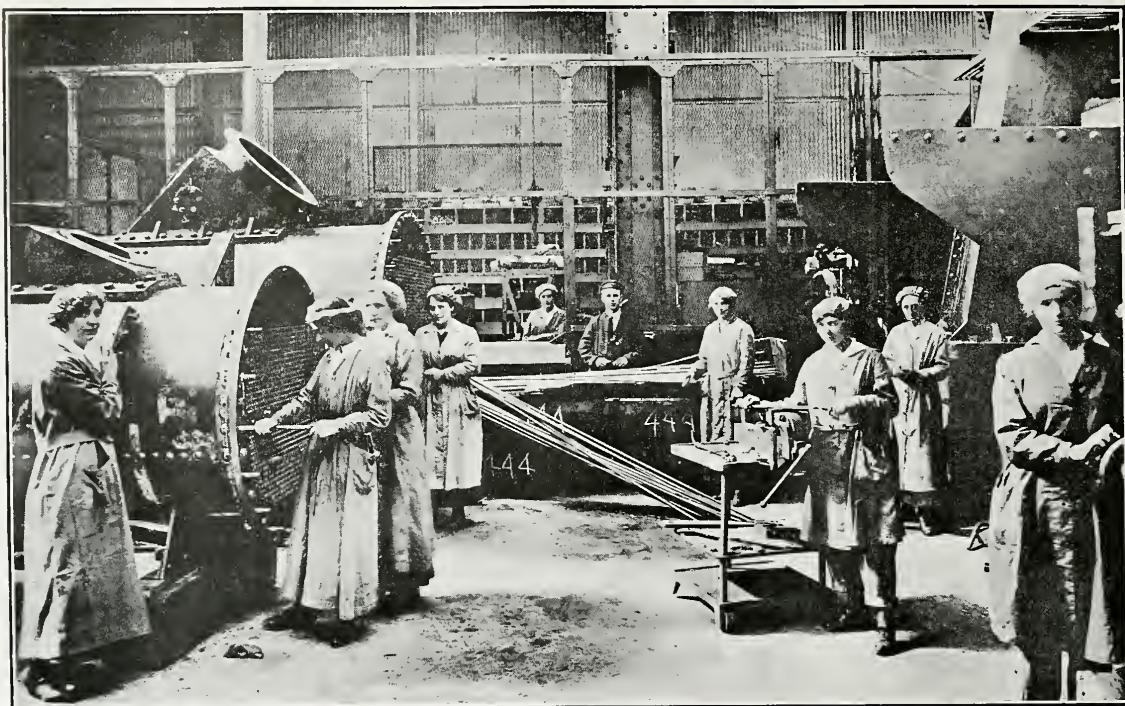
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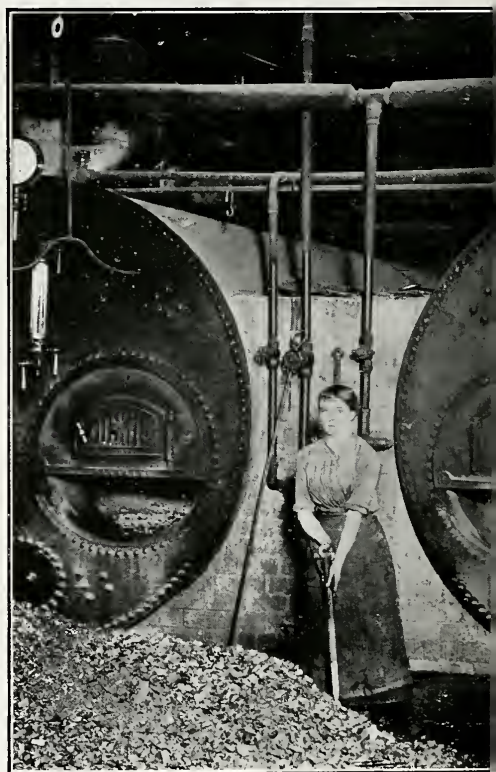
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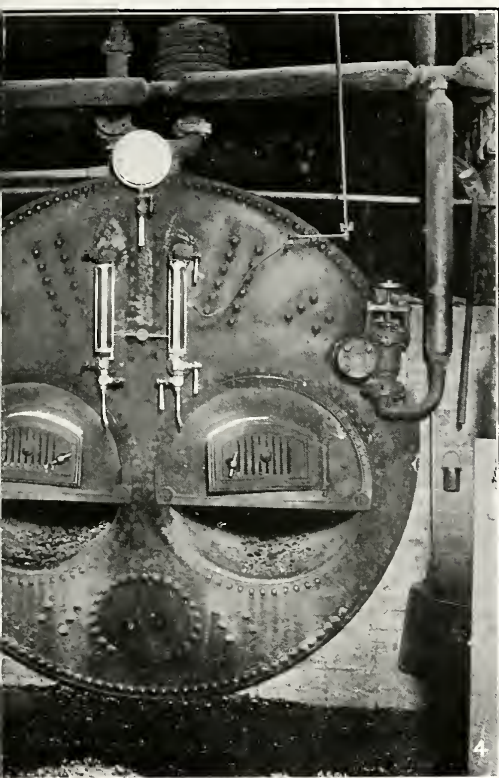
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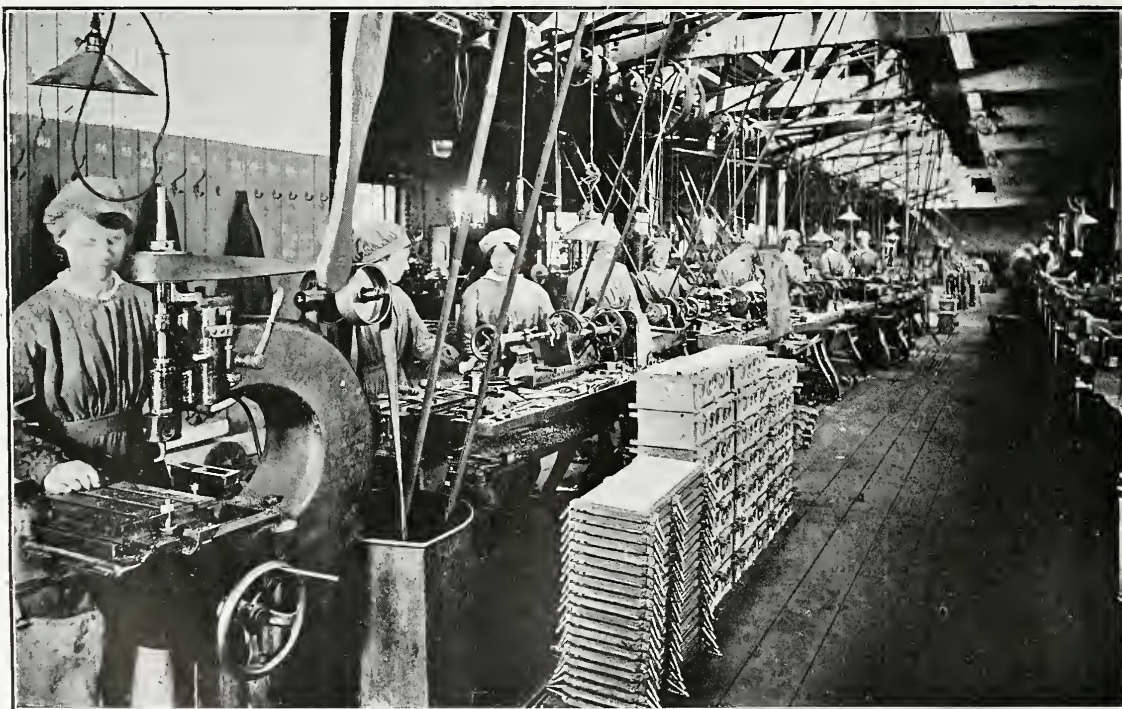
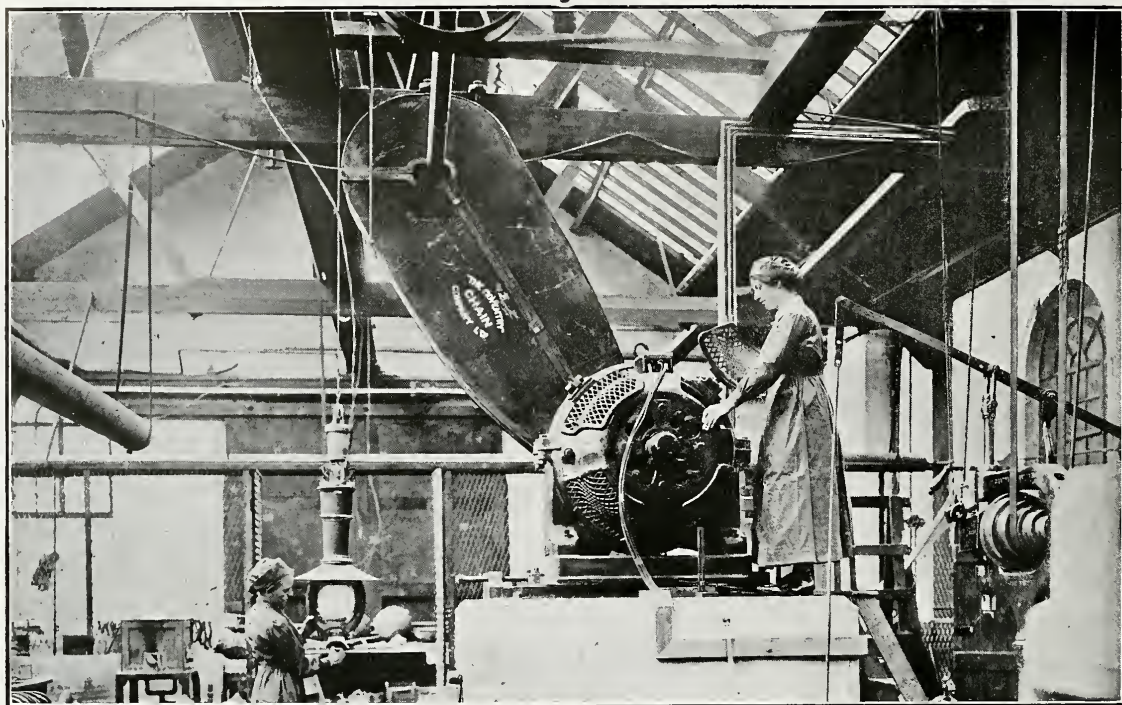
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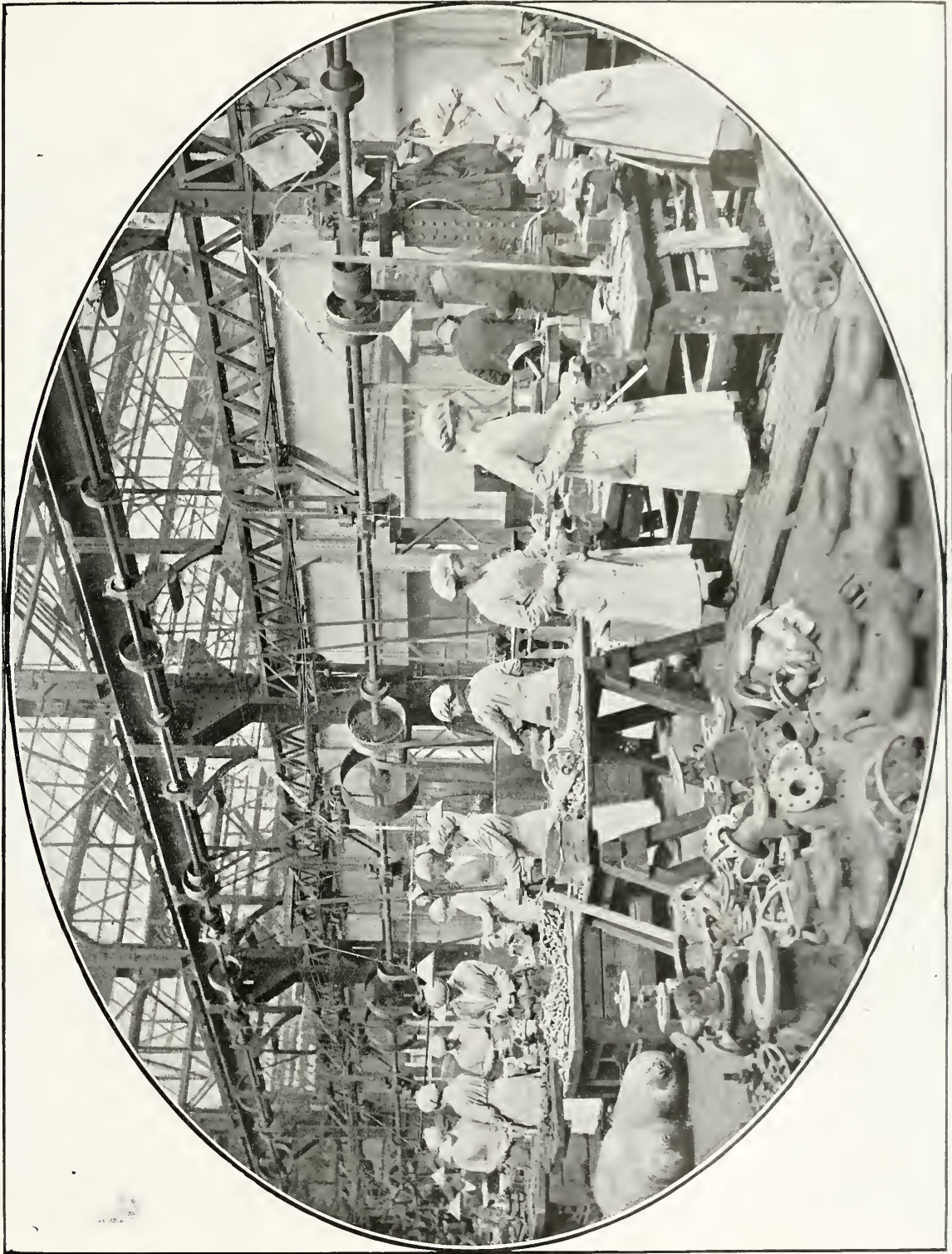
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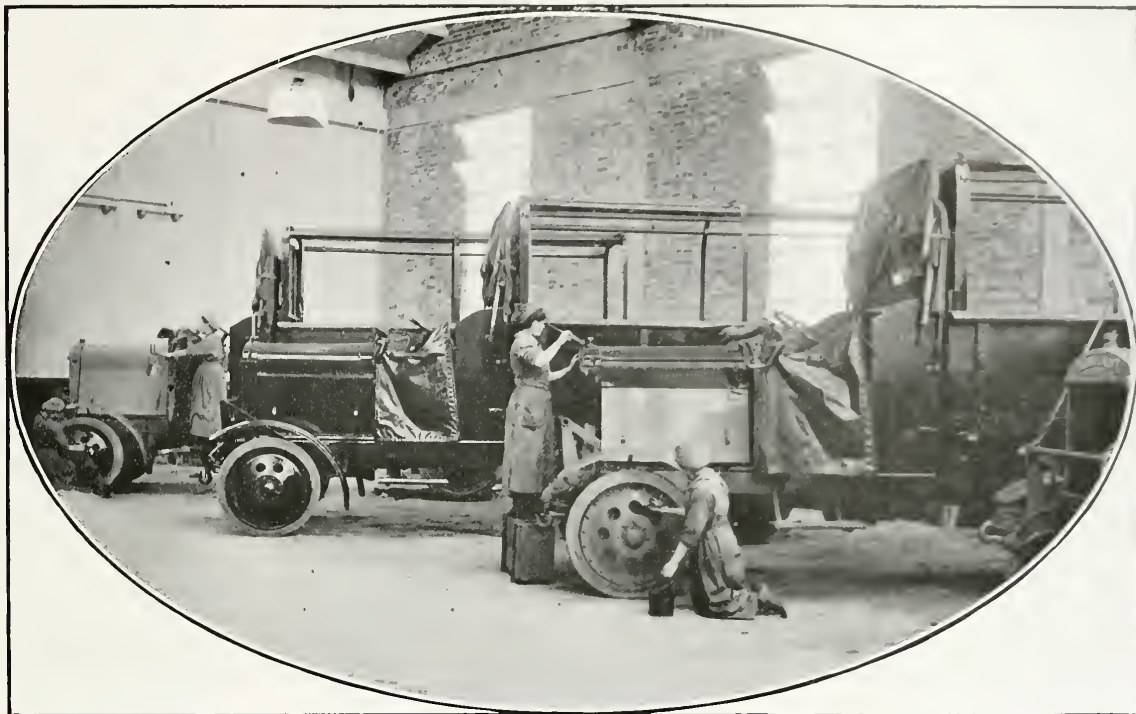
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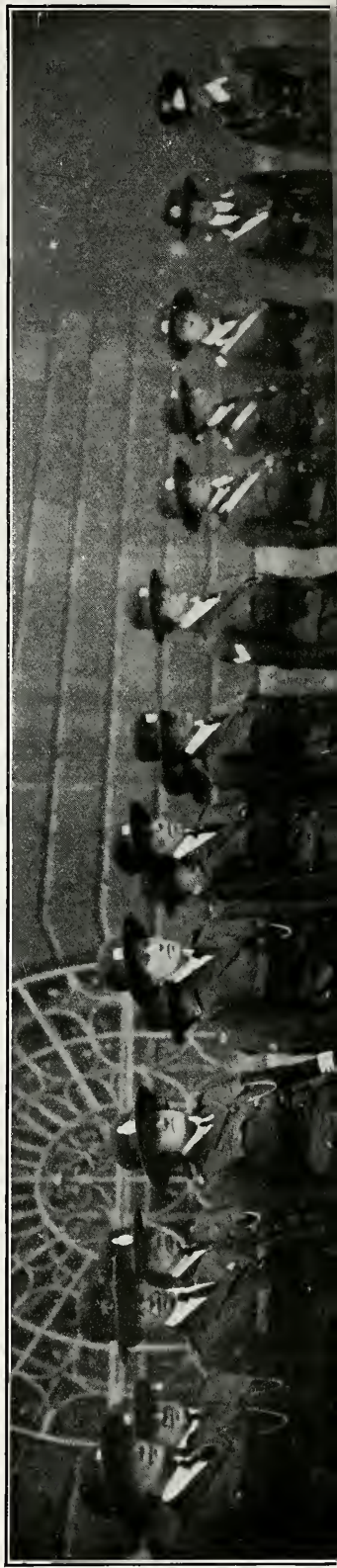
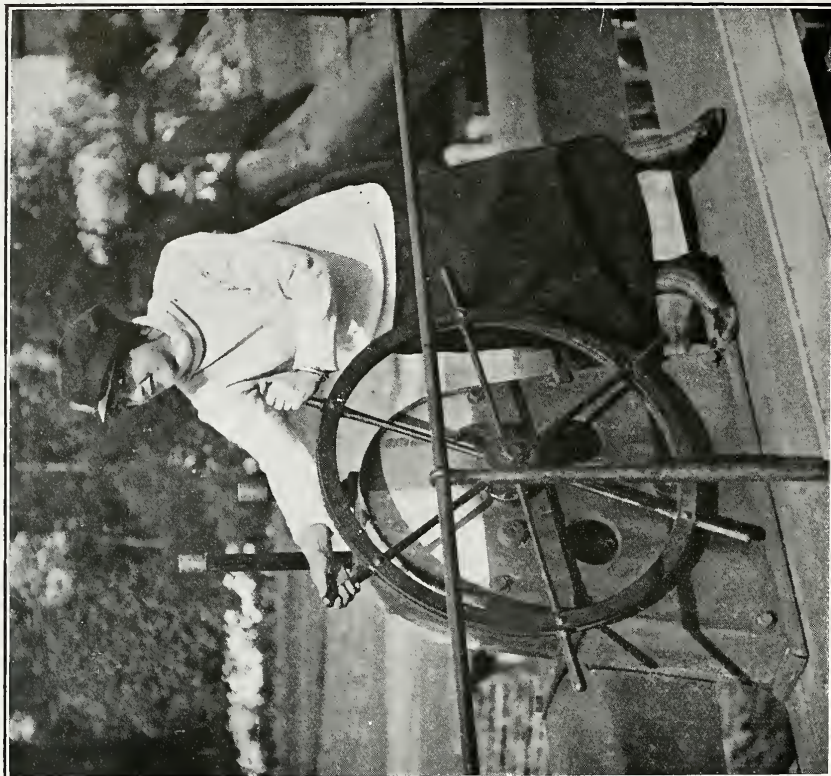
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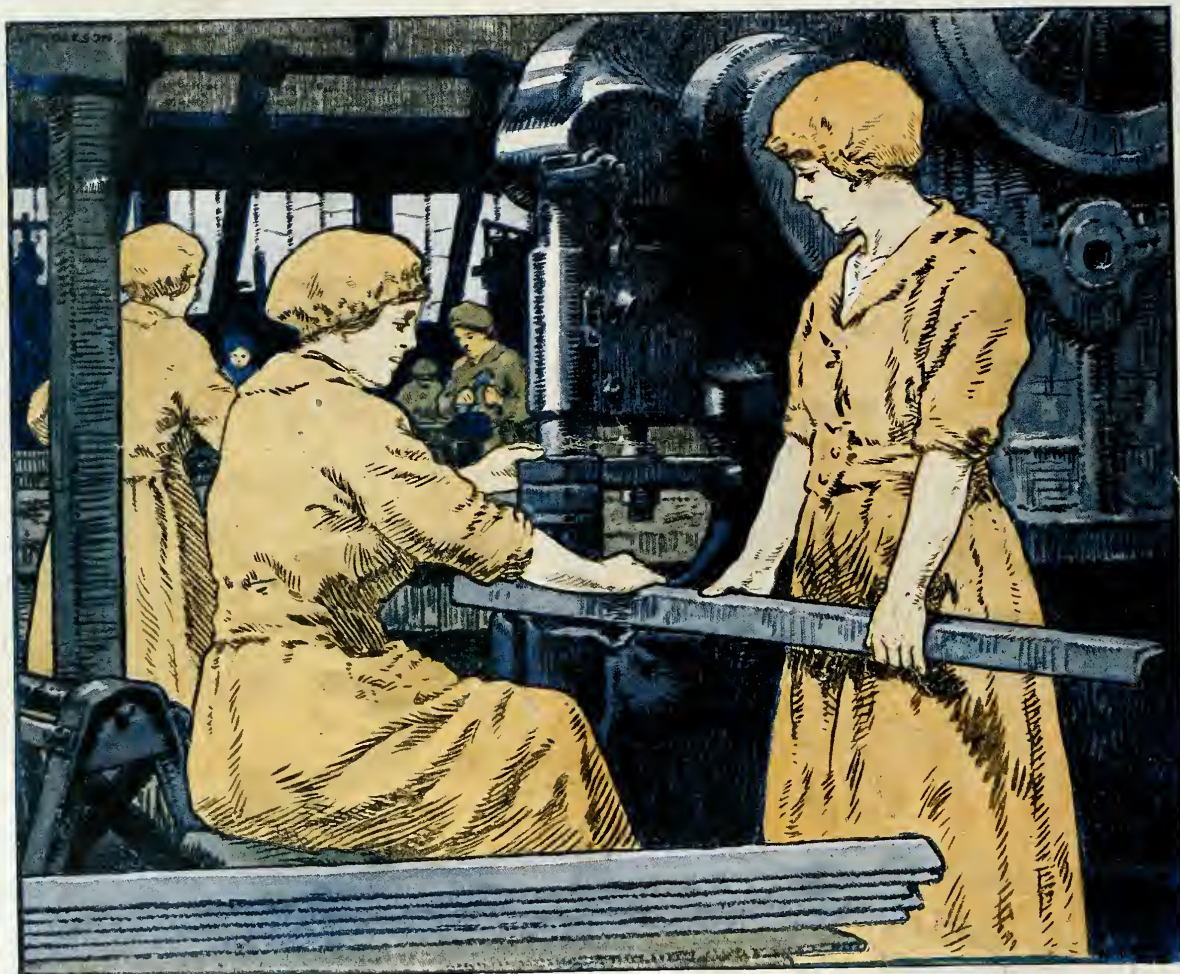
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